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NEGRO RULE

In Eastern North Carolina.

Letters From H. E. C. Bryant, Staff Correspondent, to the Charlotte Observer, Giving the Result of His Personal Observation and Investigation in That Section of the State Where the Negro is in the Majority and Rules.

Charlotte Observer, Sept. 1, 1898. The Observer has published much from correspondents and contemporaties concerning the condition of affairs politically in Easters North Carolina. We know upon the best authority that has there been no exaggeration in these publications, but that the sheriff. By his side are four negro cehalf has not been told. Yet, with the view of giving our people the truth at Petrick. By his side are four hegro desputy sheriffs: Northern A. Cobb, who is also the jailer; J. H. Fisher, Wallis, Petripher, J. E. Payne and C. E. Physical Color of the party of the pa view of giving our people the truth at sections, and from a source which throughout the county. Not a white none will doubt, we last night started man is on the list. Mr. H. E. C. Bryant, of the staff of The THE NEGRO "PRESSING THE BUT-Observer, to the Bast, with instructions to learn the facts for himself and in his and to the left, is the register of deeds. The mayor's court is a slim, affair. writing to extenuate nothing nor set his clerks two negroes—A. W. Wether-negro justices of the peace. There are Jown aught in malice. The instructions ington and one of his own brothers. 27 of them. They are: H. E. Dawson, Wetherington is the negro that made a W. D. Pettipher, Jesse P. Godett, E. W. were unnecessary, bowever, for there bombastic speech in the Republican Fisher, David Ambrose, Dock Cooper, is no individual, paper or political party convention here the other day. Being Abraham Denis, Alonzo Pelham, is no individual, paper or political party clated over the progress the negro has Washington Spirey, James R. Hooks, for which he could be induced to tell made in Craven county within the last Albert Foreman, Alexander Pelham, A or write a lie. Mr. Bryant will travel few years he pictured in glowing terms A. Bryan, Lewis Ham, W. W. Law-what the negro was now able to co. rence, Robert G. Moseley, Thomas O. or write a lie. Mr. Bryant will travel the East pretty thoroughly, and will pleture it as it is. He will be prepared what the negro was now able to do.

Among other things, he said:

"In 1896, we pressed the button and behold John B. Willis, register of deeds, Douglas, L. W. Eubanks, Dennis Perpleture it as it is. He will be present of competent jursuction; did to verify his statements and the public came forth! Again we pressed the kins, Frank Rasberry, John A. Boons, to say that I may not be the 'social M. W. Chapman, issued warrants in wilfully, corruptly and unlawfully requal of a man who has been convicted lependent of each other for both fuse to swear affiant to an affidavit for may accept them. If political condi- missioner come forth! We pressed the tions in the East are not as bad as they we pressed the button and magistrates have been represented, it is due the came forth! have been represented.

"And now, in this convention, we have again pressed the button, and the party in power that this have again pressed the button, and the same and a swell society man. It is before you, and with the past and is trying to buy his way into the society of decent people. I do not wish to be the social equal of a man who worse, then surely all the State ought present before us, what shall the future section; the Shylock of Newbern, and to be the 'social equal' of a man who to know, beyond a doubt, beyond the give to us?" does not go to find out what is not, but They should have all the Republican with George H. White, the negro Conplea of nolle condendere, and let him off party can get here, for there are but gressman of the second district. And by paying the cost to escape the peni-

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Shill It Last Longer In North W. Carpenter, a white man. I would I saw Professor Smith at his office. The first time I called I asked: "Is than to be Mr. Carpenter. He is an old smith. I have a smith in 2". A hig burly. I have for the negro. Legislature from this county. A STURDY BAND OF DEMOCRATS. The Democrats of Craven county are name of the person giving the information. The Democrats of Craven county are name of the person giving the information. Carolina

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among the most fertile in the country, notorious fact. In former days Carpenter was a pension agent. But he last decade thousands of dol- has been disbarred from the practice he is in. "I am 'Professor' Isaac Smith lats worth of truck have been sold on before the Pension Department on active of the peace for trial. The court for anything. There is no telling when the Newbern market. Lands that were count of fraudulent practices. He now called him "professor." the sewbern market have been stave been E. D. Cox. This is the character of the ing down from the ticket here a averted from swamps to productive man who is going to be elected to the Craven county. Is there any truth in Louis, However, in the last year or office of clerk of the court in this it?" His reply was: two this trucking business has not pro-ty. Dr. W. L. Lassiter, a negro, is the stude placed before the wheelt

state placed before the wheel.
The people that composed the the popular continuous properties of the properties of the people of the properties of the people of the properties of the propertie supreme Court. The first time he got story—give the negret the majority is no way to prevent it new, unless the triet for the Cr.minal and Superior off because the solicitor in prosecuting he becomes offensive and unruly.

MR BRYANT GOES TO THE EAST, earth cracks open and swallows about ,000 negroes, LOOKS LIKE A NEGRO WRITING-

> court house of Craven and see what is there to be seen any day in the week. To glance at the place as a whole you writing-school. The first office to the right belongs to the sheriff and his crew of deputies. Joseph L. Hahn, a white man with a black heart, is the

Two doors below the sheriff's office.

This was meant for a cut at the white

what is. Those who know him will ac- about 63 white Republicans in the next year he claims that he will be on tentiary again. cept unreservedly what he sends, and county.

the second floor of the court house, pre- Professor Smith wields a facile pen and "God forbid that I should ever be the trial, as the State's witnesses were not moval of the cause had been filed by paring the tax list. sheriff and register, respectively, in this an in character. In business he can people of the community where he

THE CANDIDATES FOR CLERK.

ticket was nominated: For clerk of the Superior Court, E. W. Carpenter, a white man. I would cational than to be Mr. Carpenter. He is an old seasoned carpet-bagger. Of all the candidates in the field he is the most deed didates in the field he is the most deed didates in the field he is the most deed didates in the field he is the most deed didates in the field he is the most deed did not care to give the name of the person giving the information. Thereupon the court said that he see that their rights are respected. house full of childrne that every good next day at 10 o'clock. I left at once NEWBERN, N. C., Sept. 6.—The man in the county who knows him and returned at the time named. I have been september of the county of Craven are his career would say are his. It is a found the same man in the chair behind the county of the co acts as agent through a negro named

ters d as rapidly as it bade fair to do present coroner of Craven county, and chair and began to talk. He said: Ive years ago. There has been an eb- he was nominated the other day for re-election.

The people that composed the poptie- CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ROACH and they can take me down if they



The V. mpire That Hov rs Over North Carolina.

township. He has arrested a number dressing the jury: of white ladies and taken them to negro magistrates for trial since coming

A PLAGUE OF NEGRO OFFICIALS. In the township there are three negro road overseers-George Cooper, A. B. Koonce and C. H. Smith. Each has white men to work the roads under

Craven county has twelve negro school committeemen-H. C. Dawson, J. A. Dixon, Jr., W. D. Pettipher, T. L. Moore, James Hargett, W. F. Morgan, Nero Croom, John R. Holland, Jesse Brooks, Robert L. Davis, W. W. Lawrence and R. W. Williamson. The colored police force of Newbern

are: Isaac Richardson, R. C. Baker, Henry Pasteur, A. A. Bryant and Robert Moseley. These fellows do not give much trouble. They serve in the black precincts. It is the colored magistrates that do the work here, anyway.

"PROF." ISAAC H. SMITH. Prof. Isaac H. Smith, Republican candidate for the legislature from this county, is the greatest freak of nathe turf for Congress. He has skinned "But, why need I go further? The As a special force to list the taxes for the toughest of dead-beats, and he has dockets of Craven county will tell the Though it was the time set for the trial, lawfully dismiss the said action after We assure those who do not knew him the register are three negro bucks on outwitted the shrewdest of politicians, rest. daring the tax list.

Uses an oily tongue. Truly, he is a social equal of a man who lives by Hahn and Willis are candidates for very smart negro. He is unique in looks skinning the poor, gullible unsuspecting witnesses named by Chapman were on moval had been filed and the defendant fleece the pertest of men. Many are nves. the men that he has skinned alive, True. Congressman White is not the only In the Republican convention held one of the first men to contribute to body in this town knows of his meanhere a few weeks ago, the following the Vance monument fund. He did it ness, ticket was nominated:

This the Republican one of the first men to the did it ness. This because Vance had worked for the edu-

interest of the negro. graded. For years he has lived with a not in. I then asked when he would Truly, it can be said that they fight formant, but the information was given several times. Yesterday the trial was negro woman and today she has a be, and was told that it would be the house full of children that every good next day at 10 o'clock. I left at once every inch. It is a plucky set. They "I have heard that you were com-

Courts, is the city attorney. Judge P. the case had abused his privilege in Stanley, colored, is constable of this using the following language in ad-

The defendant was such a scoundre that he was compelled to move his tria from Jones county, where he was known." And, again: "The bold, brazen faced rascal had the impudence to write me a note yesterday, begging me no o prosecute and threatening me that f I did he would get the Legislature mpeach me." Seventy-fifth North arolina Reports, 306.

the was again convicted and appeal d to the Supreme Court and was alowed a new trial on the ground of the arrance between the bill of indictment nd the evidence—expressed by the Su-neure Court as follows:

"On the trial of an indictment for forery charging the defendant for having forged an order for \$50.57. Evidence hat the defendant had for ed an order or any other absount (the two orders and \$60.27, respectively) is not admisable." Seventy-eighth North Carolina leports, 462.

MITH'S OWN RACE ABOMINATES HIM.

Smith has ben indicted for skinning cople in various ways. Some time ast year Congressman Geo. H. White. olored, had some newspaper controversy with Smith, After accusing Smith of erasing his (Smith's) name off of a note on which he was co-endorser with White, the latter said, among other hings:

"In conclusion, Mr. Editor, permit me nd sentenced to the penitentiary for erry. I may not be the 'social equal' of a fellow who has cast off his lawful agent, but now debarred from practicnife and innocent children, who are ing before the pension department on corruptly and unlawfully refuse to inthe Beau Brummel of the negro population of North Carolina. In the "so-lation of North Carolina. In the "so-lation court while I was a solicitor and possibility of questioning. Mr. Bryant Republicans. The negroes want all. ciety" world he has measured swords begged me to allow him to put in a

This is the man that will go to the Legislature from this county.

it ever comes to a conflict to a finish the best men of the town and county under the statute to some other justice for that and held here. He admits his guilt, the affidavit and remove the cause. This is but one of many such cases, the best men of the town and county under the statute to some other justice for that and held here. He admits his guilt, the affidavit and remove the cause. The negro magistrates have people up

"No. I am not coming down unless the people want me to. They nominated me and they can take me down if they and they can take me down if they of gross impudence. It is the negro custody of said officer until 2 o'clock, had her bound to them. They at once

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with negro magistrates. As Wilmington ounty about 2,000 Democrats and 2,800 the court dismissed it. here are but 63 white men. So the ounty, at present, seems doomed. The s numbers count. In this town there re ten negro justices of the peace, Four doth say: "That, at an in said State and county, on or about the 12th day of f them, Douglas, Chapman, Green and August, 1898, the defendant having Bryan, are very active. They keep run-been duly elected as a justice of the ittle case. No day passes that there duly taken the oath prescribed by law are not at least a dozen trials in the as such justice of the peace, and being own. It does not differ about the color then and there a duly qualified justice of the parties in question in the least. of the peace, did willingly, wifully, The justices of the peace are after the corruptly and unlawfully issue a warmoney.

negro magistrates of Newbern are dong. Some time about the middle of ined any person on oath as to said of-August two negro women, Lucile West- fence having been committed, and well brook and Lucy Francks, had a fight, knowing that affiant had prior thereto No licks were passed. Two negro jus- been convicted of said offense before a cices of the peace, Fred Douglas and court of competent jurisdiction; did

account of fraudulent practices, tried form affiant and her counsel, upon rethe cases against the women and con-quest, as to who gave him the informavicted them. This was on the 11th of tion on which the warrant was issued, August. The judgment was simply an and as to who was the prosecutor in the affray, and the women satisfied it. case, did willingly, wilfully, corruptly Lucile Westbrook was required to give and unlawfully refuse to remove the W. Chapman, justice of the peace. She tice of the peace of the township for asked him to hear her case at once, willingly, wilfully, corruptly and unthe justice said he was not ready for the affilavit required by law for rewitnesses named by Chapman were on moval had been filed and the defendant the spot. The defendant demanded a had no jurisdiction to dismiss said actrial, but the court refused, saying that tion, all of which was done under color she would have to wait until 2 o'clock of said office of justice of the peace p. m. It was then 9 a. m. Chapman held by the defendant, contrary to the

on did not show who was the inform-"I have heard that you were coming down from the ticket here in the ti cause, but ordered the case continued rested.

if he had been awors. He said that he ties to swear out a warrant for Mr

WHEEN'S FEARFUL PLIGHT had not, and further stated that the only conversation that he had had about it was one day when Chapman and Constable Stanley called at his house and asked if he knew anything about the fight between the defendant and Lucy Francks. He told them that he knew that they had had a fuss, but he didn't see it.

The defendant then filed said affidavit s in the hands of an incompetent, in- for removal. The court asked O'Hara olent police force, so Newbern is in he hands of insolent and incompetent legro magistrates. Craven county is in i deplorable condition. There are in the On August 13th she swore out

pia.nt against Chapman, as follows: North Carolina, Craven County.-In Justice's Court, Before S. R. Stout, tegroes can do as they please, as far Chapman. Affidavit,

ers out all the time to pick up every peace of Craven county, and having rant for the arrest of this all ant under a criminal charge of an affray and disorderly conduct without having examthe removal of said action from the Fred Douglas, a former pension defendant to some other justice of the \$100 justified bond to appear before M. said cause for trial to some other jushe same offense before Douglas, but made the application for removal; did equired her to give a second justified statutes in such cases made and probond for her appearance at 2 o'clock. vided and against the peace and dig-The warrant that she was arrested nity of the State.

LUCILE WESTBROOKS. Sworn to and subscribed before me,

JAMES M. HARRISON, J. P. Chapman has had the trial continued